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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4542–4554, and S. Res. 685–686.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1004, to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Field Operations officers and support staff and to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure, and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry. (S. Rept. No. 116–264)

S. 4024, to establish in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security a Cybersecurity Advisory Committee, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–265)

S. 4157, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to expand the authority of the National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–266)

H.R. 5273, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to increase to 100 percent the rates of scanning of commercial and passenger vehicles entering the United States at land ports of entry along the border using large-scale non-intrusive inspection systems to enhance border security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–267)

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Jarbou Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Hala Y. Jarbou, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 80 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. EX. 161), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

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Cullen Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of the nomination of Thomas T. Cullen, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 77 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. EX. 163), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Gujarati Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Diane Gujarati, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 94 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 164), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Hala Y. Jarbou, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Thomas T. Cullen, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Diane Gujarati, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, in that order at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 10, 2020, and that the cloture motion with respect to McConnell Motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 178, Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act, with McConnell Amendment No. 2652, ripen following the disposition of the nomination of Diane Gujarati. Page \$5507

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 91 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 159), Brett H. Ludwig, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

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By 82 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. EX. 162), Christy Criswell Wiegand, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 80 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 160), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—164) Pages \$5486-88

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:41 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$5523.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL RESERVE EMERGENCY LENDING FACILITIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of the Federal Reserve emergency lending facilities, after receiving testimony from Hal Scott, Committee on Capital Markets Regulation, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Jeffrey D. DeBoer, The Real Estate Roundtable, and William Spriggs, AFL—CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

THE GRIZZLY BEAR STATE MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 614, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a final rule relating to removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife, after receiving testimony from Senators Enzi and Daines; Patrick Crank, Crank Legal Group, P.C., Cheyenne, on behalf of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission; Chuck Roady, F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Company, Columbia Falls, Montana; and John D. Leshy, University of California Hastings College of Law, San Francisco.

EASTERN EUROPE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Eastern Europe from Stephen E. Biegun, Deputy Secretary of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Gibbs, of Michigan, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and John M. Barger, of California, Christopher Bancroft Burnham, of Connecticut, and Frank Dunlevy, of California, each to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VACCINES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine vaccines, focusing on saving lives, ensuring confidence, and protecting public health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health, and Vice Admiral Jerome M. Adams, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Benjamin Joel Beaton, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, Kristi Haskins Johnson, and Taylor B. McNeel, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who were introduced by Senators Wicker and Hyde-Smith, Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Thompson Michael Dietz, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, who was introduced by Senator Cassidy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Katie Purswell, The American Legion, Washington, D.C.; Jeremy Butler, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, New York, New York; Lieutenant Colonel James Lorraine, USAF (Ret.), America's Warrior Partnership, Aiken, South Carolina; and Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Helena, Montana.